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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 0769 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ADDIS
ABABA ABIDJAN BONN CAIRO JIDDA KHARTOUM LONDON NAIROBI PARIS
ROME SANA TEL AVIV DJIBOUTI MAY 12.
QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0769

ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, FT, SO, US

SUBJ: SOMALI SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST GROUPS III

REF: STATE 107679

1. CHARGE CONVEYED REFTEL CONTENTS TO HASSAN KAID ABDILLAH MAY 12,
NOTING THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED SENATOR JAVITS DID NOT CHARGE
GSDR WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OF FLCS AND
REGRETTING ANY IMPRESSION WHICH ABBREVIATED PRESS REPORTS MIGHT
HAVE GIVEN TO CONTRARY.

2. HASSAN KAID REPLIED THAT GSDR WAS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT
INFORMATION PROVIDED, AS SUCH. HOWEVER, IT WAS VERY CONCERNED
ABOUT "VOA"NEWS ITEM WHICH HAD GIVEN "WHOLE WORLD" IMPRESSION
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THAT USG REGARDED GSDR AS TERRORIST SUPPORTER. INTENTIONALLY
OR NOT, HE SAID,"DAMAGE HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE". GSDR VIEWS
SITUATION "SERIOUSLY" AND IS NOW CONTEMPLATING WHAT REPLY TO
MAKE. HASSAN KAID SAID HE HAD ALREADY DRAFTED "STIFF" NOTE VERBALE
WHICH WAS BEING REVIEWED BY "POLITICAL AUTHORITIES".
ADDITIONALLY, CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO PUBLIC REPLY
OVER RADIO MOGADISCIO.

3. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, GSDR IS TREATING AFFAIR IN LOW KEY.
ONLY PUBLIC OFFICIAL REFERENCE THUS FAR APPEARED IN MAY 11 SOMALI
NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN, WHICH CARRIED AN INA REPORT
DATED BAGHDAD CITING THAT IRAQI GOVERNMENT REACTION TO
"REPORT SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN SENATOR JACOB JAVITS IN WHICH HE
ACCUSED IRAQ AND SOME ARAB COUNTRIES OF ASSISTING TERRORISTS"
NO MENTION WAS MADE OF USG OR GSDR.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY OFFICIAL GSDR REACTION OVER
NEXT DAY OR TWO. TOMORROW, FRIDAY, IS THE MUSLIN SABBATH.
AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, DR. ABDURAHMAN JAMA
BARRE, WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TAKE RIGID POSITION IN
AFFAIR, HAS LEFT MOGADISCIO TO ATTEND MAPUTO CONFERENCE ON
ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. WITH EXPLANATIONS ALREADY GIVEN FOREIGN
MINISTRY, WE BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE RESPITE OF FEW DAYS WHILE GSDR
MULLS OVER ITS OFFICIAL REACTION. TIMELY CLARIFICATION BY
DEPARTMENT/VOA, THUS, COULD BE HELPFUL.
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